MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The time and labour involved in collecting the information are out of proportion to its possible utility.

Mess Committee, Armed Reserve, Oolampara.

101. * MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Inspector General of Police has received two petitions dated 9-7-1120 and 5-9-1120 respectively, from the Mess Committee, Armed Reserve, Oolampara;

(*b*) what was the particular matter for complaint;

(*c*) what steps the Inspector General of Police has taken to redress their grievance; and

(*d*) if he has not taken any steps, the reasons therefor?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR (*Inspector General of Police*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The excessive rates charged by the contractor for provisions supplied.

(*c*) The contractor was removed and ready cash purchase system was substituted.

(*d*) This does not arise in view to the answer to (*c*).

Punishment of Police Officers.

102. * MR. K. A. MOHAMED (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Constables (1) dismissed (2) suspended, (3) discharged;

(*b*) the number of Head Constables dismissed, degraded and suspended; and

(*c*) the number of Inspectors punished; since the present Inspector General of Police has taken charge of the department?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR:

Constables.

(*a*) (1) Dismissed 53
(2) Suspended 218
(3) Discharged 31

Head Constables.

(*b*) (1) Dismissed 5
(2) Degraded 17
(3) Suspended 5

Inspectors.

(*c*) Punished 42.

MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: May I know in view of the punishment meted out to a large number of personnel in the Police Department, are we not to take it that there is corruption in the Department?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYENGAR: It does not follow. It is not stated that the punishment given is all for corruption.

MR. K. VARGHESE ITHAC: May I know whether it is for inefficiency then?

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